Bar Hill News

March '05 No. 418

Easter Services at Bar Hill Church

Palm Sunday	20th	10.00am	Morning Worship & Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday	24th	8.00pm	Holy Communion & Foot Washing
Good Friday	25th	10.00am	Good Friday Reflections
Easter Sunday	27th	6.00am	Dawn Service
		10.00am	Easter Family Communion
		12.00noon	Roman Catholic Mass

BAR HILL TENNIS CLUB

The new tennis season is rapidly approaching and we are all hoping for a long hot summer! Before the new season begins we invite all existing but particularly potential new members to our Annual General Meeting.

This will be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 22 March in the Studio Community room at Bar Hill School and everyone is welcome. Please come along even if you only want to know a little more about the Club and whether tennis might be for you.

We play on our own floodlit courts behind the School and welcome players of all abilities. **This year the Committee is working hard to upgrade our facilities for the benefit of not only Club members but all within Bar Hill who wish to play and we would welcome any new members or help.**

We play socially for fun and to keep fit and also run teams competing in the local league. We have a very active junior section with coaching provided for the youngsters. We normally expect to start our season late April/early May depending on the weather and have plenty of court hours available for members outside the normal Club nights. Please join us on the 22 March or for more details contact:

Bar Hill Tennis Club

J Suchocki	780461
P Chubbuck	781688
R Livingstone	201170

Bar Hill Tennis Club

Did you know Bar Hill has its own website?
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You will find it on the Internet at

www.barhill.org.uk

We are looking for contributions towards its content. If you feel you can contribute in some way, either with a story about the village, a meeting you are organising, a club you are starting or are involved with, please send details to **bhra@barhill.org.uk**

We are particularly interested in any wildlife sightings and would welcome any photographs to accompany your story or article. Any photographs you may have of the early days of the village would again be most welcome. In fact any photos of any events can be accommodated.

We are also looking for a volunteer Webmaster to take over the running of the website from early June. At present the work involves no more than 2-3 hours per month. Email: bhra@barhill.org.uk if you can help.

Any photos or articles will be returned promptly after use.

Copy date for the next issue is 15th March to Martin Avery at bhneditor@yahoo.com or see page 2 for other contact details

Bar Hill Residents' Association

05/06 Committee

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The Objectives

The objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between the Residents and other parties, to keep Residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association.

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BHN Contributions

What ? (see insert)	Cost ? (per month)	Who, where, how ? (see above)	When ? (in month)
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Commercial 'Maxi' Ads.	£5	Editor	15th
Commercial 'Mini' Ads.	£2.50	Editor	15th
Articles, 'What's On', 'For Sale', 'Lost & Found'	free	Editor	15th

All items are included at the editor's discresion and are dependant on space being available

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Any item can be submitted electronically via Microsoft Office files on disc or over the net via **bhneditor@yahoo.com**.

Anonymous letters cannot be published, but names and address may be withheld at the Editor's discretion, however such names and addresses will be made available to anyone who makes a written request for such information and has good reason.

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Letters to the Editor

Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those held by the Residents' Association Committee. Alternative viewpoints are always welcome but anonymous letters will not be printed. The Editor reserves the right to withhold names and addresses where appropriate.

Dear Editor,

I was interested to read the letters and articles in last month's Bar Hill News concerning Tesco's trolleys. I've seen trolleys touching cars in the car park, dumped in ditches, chucked into people's hedges, etc. In fact they are to be found everywhere around the village, looking a mess, and they often remain for days, even weeks. A £1 coin system needs to be introduced as soon as possible. I have never heard the excuse of yobs pushing people out of the way to retrieve the coin, but to say that the reason for not introducing the coin system is economic is laughable in view of the enormous profit Tesco made last year. Just see how neat and tidy Morrison's car park is with not an abandoned trolley in sight. I do like to do my shopping there as at least I know I'm not going to find a trolley smashed into my car. Also, with the coin system, it is always possible to find a trolley as they do not need to be 'rounded up' and returned by a member of staff.

So how about it Tesco? I think the long-suffering residents of Bar Hill have been patient long enough.

Yours sincerely,
Christine Kay.

Dear Editor,

What a pathetic excuse from Tesco for not introducing coin in the slot trolleys. If Morrisons, Sainsburys, Asda and even Aldi can bear the cost surely Tesco who enjoy top position in the retail market could do the same. Has anyone read of yobs hi-jacking trolleys to get to the pound? Hardly a fortune for them. However we can only blame ourselves for the problem of dumped trolleys and not outsiders.

I find Tescos attitude for not bothering to apply for planning permission for the huge construction in the car park regrettable - especially with the ongoing problem regarding planning experienced in local villages. Obviously the decision to make this alteration must have been taken months ago. The expression "Riding Roughshod" springs to mind.

On another subject- for some months now our village sign has shown that Bar Hill is indeed "ILL" with the poor bustard almost invisible. Could we not have a more colourful and inviting sign at the village entrance ? - perhaps incorporating the fruit trees of the former orchard that the village replaced and the old Farmhouse. Retain the bustard somewhere though as if things go well on Salisbury Plain he may well return!

Ruby Hunt

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the Chairs report of the Residents Association in Februarys Bar Hill News regarding Tesco trolleys.

Personally I feel that the majority of Tesco's excuses for not replacing trolleys with the coin operated are just that, excuses. Any other village resident that also feels this should be aware that when Tesco opens their new mezzanine floor there will be a travelator in store allowing trolleys to be taken 'upstairs'. This means that **ALL the trolleys need to be replaced** with new ones. This would be the perfect opportunity to replace them with the coin operated ones. Then the eyesore around the village would be gone, any trolleys left lying around would soon be taken back to the store, it would also mean that trolleys were returned to the trolley bays and not left lying around the car park.

I will be writing to Tesco about replacing the trolleys with coin operated ones, perhaps everyone concerned about trolleys being removed from the store should also write to Tesco. Tesco seems to have taken over the village without asking or respecting the villager wishes, what happened to the crèche we were promised when the plans for the new store were displayed? Maybe if enough residents write to them they would have to take notice of the people who live here.

Kirsten Goodfield

Dear Editor

We were very interested in the Chairman's comments in the February edition of BHN relating to the possibility of a monthly advertising journal in the village.

We were pleased to note that such a publication would be welcomed by the Residents Association.

Such a journal would surely help to raise the awareness of the local community to the vast array of services that are available in the village. The bigger local companies may also benefit from a local vehicle in which to advertise job vacancies.

We would be pleased to receive comments from the Bar Hill business community before we definitely embark on such a project.

You can contact us by email at jayn.bond@positivehr.co.uk or on 07743 876967

Jayn Bond and David Orme

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(There are more small ads on page 25)

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Sarah and Alex (surname unknown)

If anyone knows the wheareabouts of these people, who may have lived or still live, in the Spinney could they please ring 782403. Many thanks.

JOTTINGS FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

COUNCIL PEG TAX INCREASE TO 4%

A value for money budget that boosts key services and is accompanied by the lowest council tax increase for almost a decade, has been agreed by Cambridgeshire County Council. Priority services such as schools, caring for older people and highway maintenance, will all see cash increases with the council tax increase pegged at 4%.

Around half of the £511 million overall budget will go to schools and a quarter to supporting older people and vulnerable people. Other major services include roads and transport schemes, libraries, waste disposal and recycling schemes. Cambridgeshire's council tax is currently the fourth lowest of all County Councils in England and this level of increase will ensure it remains amongst the lowest.

People told us that their priority areas for additional funding are schools, caring for older people and maintaining the roads and I am pleased that each of these key services will see a cash increase. However, other services across the Council will see real terms cuts and we will need every single efficiency saving we can identify to minimise the impact of these.

ACCESS YOUR RIGHT TO HELP SHAPE THE COUNTRYSIDE

Consultation to help the County improve Cambridgeshire's Rights of Way to improve the 2,000 mile network of routes open to the public in the County has been launched.

The plan is not just about path maintenance and recreation. It focuses more on the wider benefits from public access to the countryside rights of way network.

Footpaths, bridleways and byways offer people a route to a healthy, active lifestyle; they provide safe and sustainable transport links to work, school and other communities; furthermore they can strengthen the rural economy and offer opportunities to enhance public appreciation and understanding of farming and wildlife issues.

Feedback forms are available in libraries and on request from the Countryside Team (01223 717445). The complete Improvement Plan document and feedback form will also be available on the County Council's website

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

A14 TOPS AGENDA

Top County Councillor's have met with the Agency and Government Officials after hearing a public consultation on proposals for the A14 trunk road had been delayed again and to demand assurances over the future A14 improvements.

One of the main topics of conversation was the delay to the public consultation because of a new suggested option. This would mean the old A14 would remain a trunk road through Huntingdon and the new proposed southern section would only be dual carriageway and not a three lane highway as originally recommended.

The Council has had grave concerns about the delays to this vital scheme and we wanted not only to express these but to gain assurances that the scheme would move forward. Anyone who has travelled on this road knows how vital it is that something is done sooner, rather than later. The Highways Agency and Government did make it clear that they were committed to improving the A14 and that it was a top priority for them.

With thousands of homes, including a new settlement, due to be built in Cambridgeshire in the next 16 years it is vital that the A14 problem is solved. With the amount of accidents we have had lately, I, like many Cambridgeshire residents, was dismayed to hear the consultation had been delayed.

Solving the A14 issue is the most important challenge facing Cambridgeshire. The A14 is already over capacity and suffering severe congestion for much of the day. The Government has identified this as a national top priority which is why I was worried about the delays to the consultation.

POLICE BUDGET TO PROVIDE MORE OFFICERS

Cambridgeshire Police Authority set a Council Tax increase of 4.8%. The rise will mean other visible improvements will also be made to the service provided by the Constabulary. The total package, which equates to an extra £1.71m, is aimed at improving front line service and communication with the public.

The extra money raised, which provides a total budget of £112.67m will mean that the Constabulary can also invest in more PCSOs for the county. Among other things being considered is the establishment of a Major Incident Support Team with the aim of helping to reduce abstractions of officers from their beats should a major incident be declared elsewhere in the county.

The Constabulary also aims to progress with its commitment to engaging with the public and creating a more citizen-focused service, in line with local and national priorities.

The package will impact positively on visible frontline policing and deliver improvements to residents and businesses in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, at a very low level of increase.

The public has told us they want higher visibility of uniformed officers on the streets. With the additional money in the 2005/06 budget we are able to provide this. Cambridgeshire received a generous settlement from the Home Office of a 6.35% (£4.6m) increase on last year's settlement.

However, it is also important to remember that it is by no means guaranteed that this year's good settlement will be repeated in the future and we will continue to face further pressures on our finances in coming years.

Cambridgeshire's settlement from the Home Office was the second highest in England and Wales. The 2005/6 budget is a £5m increase on 2004/5. The 2005/06 Home Office settlement amounts to £78.1m. Last year's settlement was £73.4m.

I am available for consultation, either in person or by phone, letter or e-mail. I can be reached at the address or telephone number below.

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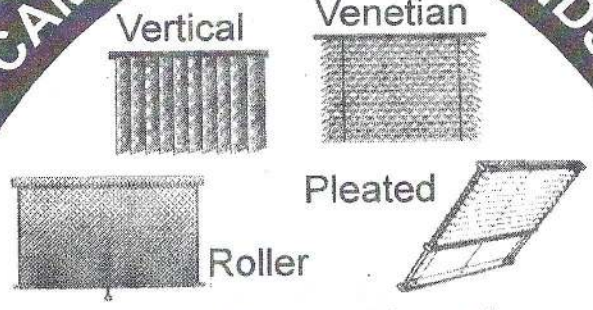

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District Councillor's Report

Tesco 'extension'

Tesco will shortly be installing a mezzanine floor inside many of their stores, including Bar Hill, as planning consent will have to be sought for this after March this year. Tesco's are maintaining, citing case law, that they do not need planning permission for the temporary structure currently being installed outside the store. SCDC's legal officer is now looking into this; in any event, Tesco's believe that the structure will be dismantled before the legal processes have been completed.

Tesco trolleys

These are now blighting the village once again. At a meeting we had with the manager, Mr Guy Schwabe, he maintained that the cost of installing and maintaining a coin system exceeded that of writing off damaged or missing trolleys. However, it now transpires that, with the erection of the mezzanine floor, all trolleys will have to be replaced. Residents are asked to insist, by writing to the manager, that all these new trolleys are fitted with coin-in-the-slot devices as the magnetic strip system can be overcome by those determined to do so. In the meantime, residents can obtain maps of the village from the Parish Office, which should be handed in to Tesco with the places where trolleys have been left clearly marked on them. It would be more helpful, however, to return trolleys as this avoid them littering the village. Taking a trolley and not returning it is technically theft.

Northstowe

We were successful at a recent meeting of South Cambridgeshire District Council in insisting that planning permission for Northstowe should not be implemented until improvements to the A14 between Bar Hill and Girton have commenced. Possible delay in the upgrading of the A428 (Cambridge to Bedford road) until 2008 will make it impossible for work on the A14, and the building of the first houses in Northstowe, to be undertaken before this date. In an interview with the *Cambridge Evening News*, a senior Government minister, Mr Alan Milburn, insisted that housing development should take place but could give no assurances on the A14. We were unable to, however, in the face of opposition from villages to the north of Northstowe, to obtain the Council's approval for a road out of Northstowe in the direction of Cottenham and Ely. Almost all traffic (apart from that from the direction of Willingham) entering and leaving the new town will be on to the A14, most of it via Bar Hill.

Proposed expansion of Bar Hill

Anticipating that the development of Northstowe will flounder or be severely restricted, proposals have been made to expand Bar Hill towards Lolworth. Although some expansion of Bar Hill sometime after 2016 (all building land in the District having been identified up to that date), cannot be ruled out, with no brown field (i.e. building) land within the village and recreational land being in short-supply, the proposals fell far short of what would be acceptable. As all the land is in Lolworth parish, we informed the chairman of the Lolworth Parish Meeting, who is strongly opposed to any development on the green-field land (not Green Belt) between the two villages

Vehicle sales on highways

Clause 3 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill will make it illegal to expose or advertise for sale two or more vehicles on a public highway. Clause 18 extends the offence of leaving litter to all open land within the area of a local authority.

Electrical regulations

From January 1st, all electrical work in and around houses came under the control of Building Regulations. Electrical installation in future must be undertaken by an electrician after the submission of a Building Regulations application, by an electrician qualified to carry out the work without having to submit application, or tested afterwards by an electrician before use.

Planning 'histories'

Planning 'histories' of most houses in Bar Hill are now available on the SCDC website: http://www.scambs.gov.uk/Scambs/council.nsf/pages/devcontrol.html

Re-cycling rings the changes

We fully support the initiative by Cambridgeshire County Council to launch a new collection scheme for old mobile phones and printer ink and toner cartridges. At South Cambridgeshire District Councils, no new cartridges are supplied to officers and members without defunct ones being handed in for re-cycling. Community groups (in South Cambridgeshire, 'Opportunities without Limits' based at Sawston) collect these, keeping the money made to fund their work.

Cllr. Roger Hall, 11 Almond Grove, 780304 rogerhall@Barhill11.fsnet.co.uk
Cllr. Bunty Waters, 77 Foxhollow, 201421 bunty.waters@ntlworld.com

Late news update:

SCDC announces its Council Tax

South Cambridgeshire District Council's members have debated the level at which its part of next year's council tax should be set. At a full Council meeting on Thursday 24 February, councillors voted to set a 'Band D' charge of £140 for 2005/06.

Thirty-two members voted in favour of the Cabinet's recommendation to set a 'Band D' charge of £140 for 2005/06; 16 opposed the proposal; two abstained and two didn't vote.

Councillor Daphne Spink MBE, leader of South Cambridgeshire District Council explained,

"The District Council's charge has to increase largely because we have to reduce the amount by which we subsidise the council tax. We have provided a subsidy for many years, and this was around £4 million in 2004/05. As we have made clear over the last few years – we can no longer afford to do this in future.

"No doubt some may point to a 100% rise between 2004/05 and 2005/06, but let's get things into perspective. The increase to £140 in 2005/06 follows a three-year period during which the District Council's charge has stayed at the same low level (£70 for a 'Band D' home). We currently have the fourth lowest charge of all district councils nationwide. Even with this increase to £140, we will still be below the national average 'Band D' charge for district councils, which is expected to be £143 in 2005/06.

"The Council has made its decision in the knowledge of murmurings from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) about council tax capping. We regret the fact that the ODPM has announced that it does not intend to determine what those capping criteria will be until after councils have set their budget requirements. This is most unsatisfactory. Having to set our 'Band D' charge in these circumstances is like trying to hit a moving target whilst blindfolded and with one arm behind our back."

Your local councillors add ...

The District Council's precept will still be only 11.5% of a Band D Council Tax Bill, the County Council 69.2%, and Bar Hill Parish Council 4.3%

Your District Councillors **voted against** this increase, however, being unconvinced of the need for large increases certain aspects of Council expenditure, and the explanations put forward. Even if the Council is not 'capped' by the Government (and last year those councils with a Council Tax requirement below the average escaped) they believe that rigorous control of Council estimates is necessary in future and surpluses will again accummulate.

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Village Hall

Tenders were received back on 18th February. As soon as the Management Committee have had a chance to look at these and hopefully find one Contractor within budget the work will begin.

Untidy Areas in the village

The Library area tidy up should be starting soon and hopefully this will make a big difference to the appearance of the village. Bar Hill Primary School have been asked to design the landscaping of this area so I am sure we will get some original ideas. Bollards will be going up around the school playing field in the next few weeks with lockable bollards at the entrance of the path leading to the SPARC building and Farmhouse. This will hopefully deter people from using this as an access area and also stop the youth using it as a racetrack.

Possible development close to Bar Hill

Some of you may have read the article in the February edition of the Bar Hill News about Atkins wishing to develop a further 300 houses between Bar Hill and Lolworth. This is obviously a very emotive issue and therefore we have invited Atkins to our Annual Parish Meeting (the last Thursday in April) to give a presentation. If you are interested in the future of Bar Hill, then I urge you to come to the APM and pose any questions you may have to Atkins. I will let you know of the venue for our APM in the April issue.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 17th March 2005 at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Office Meeting Room. The public is very welcome to attend this meeting.

Leigh Baffa, Parish Clerk

HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Cambridgeshire County Council (damaged roads and paths):	01223 717111

Councillors' Surgeries

Elected councillors, John Reynolds and Shona Johnstone (County) and Roger Hall and Bunty Waters (District) will be holding Councillors' Surgeries on the second Saturday of each month between 11 am and midday in the Parish Offices in Bar Hill and at the Village Halls in Dry Drayton and Boxworth. Residents from all the villages will be welcome to consult their councillors at any of these.

March 12th	**Bar Hill**
April 2nd	Boxworth

New Recycling Scheme for Batteries

A new groundbreaking collection and recycling scheme for household batteries has been launched by Cambridgeshire County Council waste chiefs.

Under one of the first schemes of its kind in the country, facilities are now available at all ten County Council recycling centres for residents to dispose of their household batteries.

The new battery banks, supplied and emptied by G and P Batteries Ltd, will accept any type of household battery from the smallest TV remote control and calculator batteries to the largest torch and power tool batteries, whether rechargeable, long life or standard.

Estimates suggest that in 2000, almost 19,000 tonnes of waste household batteries and 113,000 tonnes of waste vehicle batteries were thrown away in the UK. The vast majority of the waste vehicle batteries are recycled.

The County Council has collected car batteries at its 10 household waste recycling centres for many years, and last year over 200 tonnes of batteries were sent for recycling. Facilities did not exist until recently to recycle household batteries and most waste batteries are currently disposed of in landfill sites.

News from PC Kevin Misik

One of the problems with working in any one area for any length of time is you end up becoming blinkered as to how the area looks. In the last couple of months I have been out and about with a couple of people who have not been to the village before and some of the things they said about a couple of places in the village are quite worrying. The two that stick in my mind are the Library and the youth club, The Farmhouse. The Library looks run down from the broken metal sign to the over grown and unkempt area between the library itself and the school. There is a school of thinking that says if an area is left looking unloved then no one will take any care of it, I believe that this area is suffering from this. There are regular reports of Anti-Social Behaviour in the area, are these linked to how the area looks? I believe the answer to the question is yes. If that is the case then we need to do something. But what? One of the major problems is the cost of any work that is going to be done, we need to buy and replant the area. The cost of removing the built up earth and weeds from the area is a large cost and it could take around 6 skips to do. That's when it helps to be a police officer. I have spoken with a contact within the community service department of the probation service who are going to be able to undertake the work and it will cost nothing. A local farmer is going to let us use one of his trailers to remove the rubbish The next problem is the design of the area, what will work and how to do it. I have made contact with a woman at the Wildlife Trust, a charity which deals with issues such as this. They are going to work with the primary school and are going to design the area and the probation service are going to build it. The plan is that when the area looks better people will treat it better.

The other issue of note at the moment is that of the Police Community Support Officer. There has been much talk over the last year about the village having one and nothing to date has ever happened. One of the main problems that the force has had in regard to this is the fact that we were unable to hire any! But hopefully as you read this PCSO COLE will have finished her training and will be out and about in the village. As far as I can see this can only be a good thing and will hopefully be able to address some of the Anti-social Behaviour problems that plague the village. I myself am looking forward to working with them.

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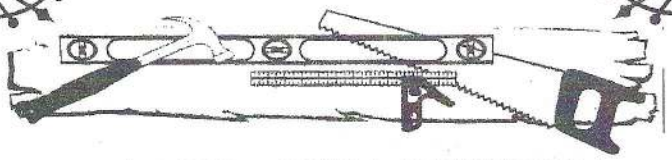

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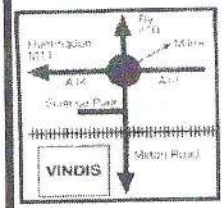

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Diary Dates

18th March Disco at Sunshine
6.15–7.15pm for Pre-school, Reception, Years 1 & 2, £1.50 including drink & biscuit.
7.30-9.00pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6, £2.00 hot dogs & drinks on sale.
Tickets from Sunshine or pay on the door.

Things We Have Done & Will Be Doing

During this term the children will be discussing Animals, Pets, Music/dance/sounds, In the country/on the farm/ Easter. The children will be visiting Wimpole Hall. Kids Klub Adventure Video will also be coming to Sunshine to visit the children to cover our Farm theme.

Under Ones

Under Ones meet in the Church Octagon on Tuesday mornings 10-12 during school term-times. All are welcome with babies under a year old: Mums, dads, grandparents, carers, childminders. Expectant mums are welcome too.

We charge 50p donation for tea, coffee and biscuits. We have baby-changing facilities, books to read and toys to play with. A relaxed atmosphere to chat and get to know others in the village, while the babies play.

Alwyn Keeves 781050

Minus 1 to 5

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On the international theme, being a leader in Girlguiding UK can open up a world of opportunities. On February 22, Thinking Day, the birthday of our founders, Lord and Lady Baden Powell, we will be joining together for food tasting, crafts and songs from around the world, finishing with a short ceremony remembering our guiding sisters. 2nd Bar Hill Brownies have taken part in a postcard challenge with the Girl Scouts of America. They exchanged postcards of Cambridge with every state in America and are looking forward to putting together their display.

Once you are 13 years old you can apply to go on international trips to Jamborees where you will meet fellow guides from around the world. Guides and guiders from Bar Hill have visited Switzerland, Indonesia, New Zealand, Japan, Sweden and this summer one of our leaders will lead a delegation to represent the Anglia Region at an international jamboree in the Netherlands. Guiders and guides have also attended international camps in the United Kingdom including Angia Region camp, Cambridgeshire East County Camp and also the World Camp at which members from the first world camp in the 1930s came along. Memories of these camps and friendships often last a lifetime.

Guiding is thriving in Bar Hill thanks to our willing team of volunteers. However success brings its own problems – we need help! At the moment we are in need of at least 2 Rainbow guiders and one brownie guider. One section that is in need of members at the moment is the Guide Section. Are you between 10-14 years old? This term we will be going on an overnight camp where we will be cooking over a wood fire and learning how to put up tents. They have had a Japanese evening where we learnt the art of origami and tasted Japanese food. Recently they went to Radio Cambridgeshire where we met one of the presenters and saw how programmes are produced. The Guides have also raised money for Walks for the World that will help guides in poorer countries.

We are desperately in need of a new store for our camp equipment. Do you know of anywhere which may be suitable?

Closer to home, Claire Lloyd has recently successfully completed her pack holiday licence, organising a fantastic pack holiday for 2nd Brownies at the Jarman Centre in Newmarket. Whilst on pack holiday, the theme was Mardi Gras so there were plenty of pancakes, a Mardi Gras Party, crafts including jester's hats and Mardi Gras floats and of course the obligatory 'secret' midnight feast organised by a Young Leader.

The youngest members - the Rainbows – are enjoying their new programme completing activities on the Rainbow Roundabout. Later in the year, both packs are hoping to take part in a Rainbow Overnight which will be exciting!

Claire Cook, District Commissioner (01954 203721)

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Residents' Association

Meetings

Residents' Association's meetings are normally held at 8pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the new Parish Council building next to the Octagon. The next meetings will be on March 8th and April 12th. Interested residents are always welcome at these meetings.

Village Sign

As one of the original sponsors of the village sign, the Residents' Association are investigating its refurbishment.

This (March) Bar Hill News

This has been delayed this month by the Editor being ill for over a week at the critical time. *Martin Avery*

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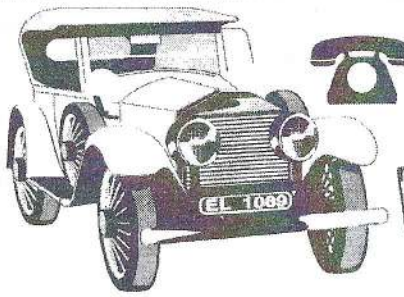

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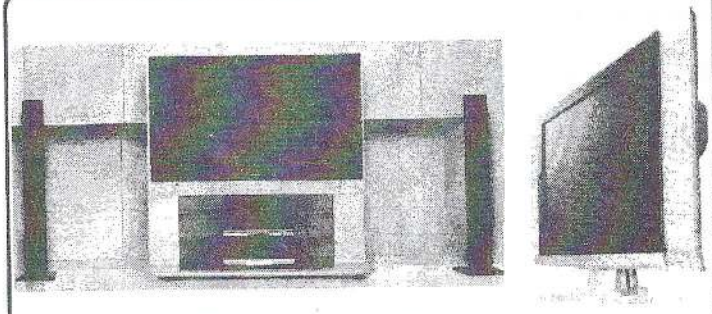

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Power Pals

Friday 18th March - 3.30pm to 5.00pm in the Octagon

A fun way to learn about Jesus for those in Reception, years 1 and 2. Cost £1.

For an application form please contact Mel Stamp on 203554 or download an application form from the Church websiteat www.barhillchurch.info

Preschool Easter Activity Time

Monday 21st March - 1.45pm to 2.45pm in the Main Church

A time for coffee and conversation for adults and an opportunity for the children to play ending with a short service all based on an Easter theme. Open to all babies, toddlers and preschool children with their parents and carers. Prams and buggies welcome. Entrance free. For more information please contact Rosemary Pryke on 200397. No need to book - just turn up.

Look out after Easter for a year 6 only Adrenaline!

For more information please contact Claire Thorby on 781527

Bar Hill Childminders with Vacancies

This is an up to date list of vacancies of childminders in Bar Hill. This will be updated each month you can also look on the web at opportunitylinks.org.uk

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Judith	full / part time	201919
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Sessions are held on a pay & pay basis, you come, you pay and you play!! Drinks and fruit are provided.

New Committee

We recently held our AGM and I would like to welcome the new committee for coming forward and joining us. We look forward to having a fun and successful year ahead.

Coffee and Kids

On Thursday at the meeting room at the church 10.00 - 11.30. £1.50 for adults no charge for children. Price includes drinks & biscuits. We have a large range of indoor and outside toys.

Session Times

For more information about our sessions please phone 206179 and ask for Sonya or to book sessions phone Julie on 780445. You are also welcome to pop in and see us.

Rising 5's Session

This session is for children in their final year of Pre-School education. The session offers children a more structured session preparing them for school entry.

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Subsidised Places

We can also offer reduced session rates for parent/carers on Income support/ working tax credit.

Places

To book sessions for your child please contact Julie on 780445 or pop in and see us!

Easter Playdays

We will be holding Playdays on:

Friday 1st April 10.00-12.00 - An Easter Egg Hunt

Monday 4th April 10.00 – 12.00

Friday 8th April 10.00 – 12.00

Monday 11th April 10.00 – 12.00

All playdays are £2.00 per child (£1.00 per sibling). Drinks are provided, cakes and biscuit will be on sale. Everybody welcome.

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Happy Hours The recycled youth club

As we move into the month of March, the winter is nearly over, and we look forward to better weather with longer days and all those lovely spring flowers.

Membership. Although we have over 70 members, we still have room for more. If you are over 55 years and would like to pass a few hours away on a Monday, in a very friendly atmosphere, then look no further than "Happy Hours". We meet each Monday in the Octagon from 11.00am to 3.00pm. Refreshments are provided at a very low cost, with meals at lunch-time and cakes in the afternoon. There are various games to play, or you may wish to just sit and talk. We have speakers or entertainment throughout the year, with monthly outings, and 5 or 6 day holidays, three or four times each year.

Come along and give us a try - you will be more than welcome. For more information, give Sid Hunt a ring on 201384. We look forward to your call.

Raffle. Last months raffle raised £53.00 which has been donated to the Wood Green Animal Shelter. We have since received a letter from the Animal Shelter thanking us for the donation and explaining how much such donations are appreciated. Our next raffle will be held on Monday 28th February.

Circle Dance. On Monday 31st. January, we had a visit from Pat Welch who gave a talk and demonstration of the Circle Dance. This type of dance can be performed to all the traditional melodies from Russian, Greek, Israeli, Scottish, Irish, Gypsy and many other country melodies. Seventeen of our ladies eventually took part in various dances. Unfortunately, all the gentlemen were happy to sit and watch. As a result, nine of our members joined a number of other groups of ladies at an introductory dance session held in the Church on Wednesday 9th. February between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. Our ladies enjoyed the dancing and thought the exercise was good for the figure.

Outings. Our monthly outings will shortly be beginning, so watch this space. Tickets have already been booked for the Summer Show, at the theatre on the pier at Cromer, when we will be visiting there at the end of July.

Holidays. Our first holiday, a romantic Valentines Week-end, was held at the Heatherleigh Hotel, at Eastbourne, on the 11th, 12th and 13th. February, when many of our members had an excellent time. The service, food and entertainment was first-class. The only grumble was that three days was not long enough. So perhaps next year, the valentine break will be for four or five days. I must mention that two of our members, Betty Crombie and Phyllis James, both played a starring role in the entertainment.

Our next holiday will be a six day break, staying at the Royal Pier Hotel, Sandown, Isle of Wight. This is booked for 17th. to 22nd April.

Sickness. I am sorry to report that at the time of writing, three of our members are in hospital. Olwen Goodwin is very ill in Addenbrookes Hospital. Rose Woodhead is suffering from pneumonia and Fred Styles is having a knee operation. We send them all our best wishes and hope they make a speedy recovery. We also send our best wishes to Betty Sandford, Betty Garnett, Lily Neal and Joan Platt, all of whom are not able to be with us at present. I am pleased to report that Ken Collins has had a successful knee operation and will shortly be in circulation again.

Dennis Holt

Bar Hill Church Knit and Natter

We are a friendly and welcoming group of ladies who meet on Thursday afternoons at 1.30 - 3.30pm in the Octagon. We do what our name suggests, we knit and natter over tea, coffee and cakes. You are welcome to come along even if you don't knit! We also arrange regular outings to various places, have lunches, and hold regular coffee mornings every month. We are also looking for donations of double knitting wool so that we can continue making blankets which we give to various organisations that need them and bric-a-brac for our stalls. If you would like more information about us then please either call in on Thursdays or contact Sue Kenchington 780260.

So far this year, we have been very busy producing knitted blankets for survivors of the Tsunami disaster. The first batch of 35 went on New Year's Day thanks to the South Cambs District Council initiative to Sri Lanka.

Subsequently, we have made and sent another 75 blankets via the Peterborough Lions Club whose transport was privately sponsored. Again these are destined for Sri Lanka and left England on February 18th.

Many thanks to all those who have worked so hard and fast to achieve this, both in the Knit and Natter Group and at Bar Hill Church to those who sewed and edged the blankets.

The members of Knit and Natter are very keen to support Dr Renuka Ranasinghe in her efforts in working with the orphans in Sri Lanka (as one of several supportive functions in the village), and would therefore like to donate all profits from our Coffee Morning on March 19th to the "Renuka Tsunami Sri Lanka Disaster Fund.

We would be especially grateful for your help in donating small items of bric-a-brac or home made cakes to sell during the morning and of course for your presence to support this venture.

Hope to see many of you at the Coffee Morning on March 19th in the Octagon between 10 oclock and midday.

Please note that there will be no coffee morning in April, but we will be holding our Easter Lunch on April 9th

For more information about anything mentioned please contact Sue Kenchington 780260.

An Evening Of Circle Dancing With Pat Welch

In Aid Of Dr Ranasinghe's Orphan Appeal

An evening of traditional circle dances from such diverse countries as Israel, Scotland, America and Eastern Europe will be held in the church hall Friday, 22nd April starting at 7.00pm.

The costs of tickets are £6, which includes a ploughman's supper. **Tickets are available from Emily Lewney (204433) or Sue Kenchington (780260).** All proceeds from the tickets will go towards Dr Ransinghe's upcoming trip to work with an orphanage in Sri Lanka which caters for disabled children.

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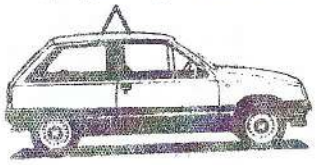

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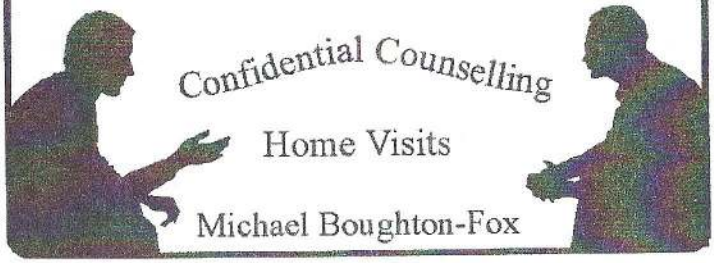

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Bar Hill Parent and Toddler Group is a welcoming and friendly group set up to provide play and socialising for children 0-4 years. A committee of local volunteer parents runs the group. We meet in the Octagon every Wednesday and Friday morning 9.45 – 11.15.

Each session is run by a Session leader and provides a range of activities, which includes crafts; puzzles; imaginary play and a selection of outdoor toys (weather permitting). We provide refreshments and an opportunity to meet new people. We ask a small fee of £1.80 per child per session and £1.00 per sibling (this helps us cover the cost of the hall/ refreshments/toys).

Younger Toddlers

If you little cherub is still young and feel that things could be a little much for them, please do come down to our Friday session, this is generally a little less busy and therefore more suitable for the younger ones who are still crawling or just starting to toddle.

New Toys and Storage

We are currently in the process of replacing some of our old toys and extending the range we have, this is thanks to the support of our regular Toddlers and the hard work and dedication of the committee, who do a grand job. As some of you who are regular visitors will have noticed our new cupboards for toy storage. I am sure you will agree this is a great improvement on our previous system and hope now tidy up time is quicker and less hassle.

Events

Karaoke/Disco

Unfortunately, due to lack of interest and support, our Christmas Disco had to be cancelled which meant a loss of money. We do hope to replenish our lost funds in the next few fundraisers.

Hamper for Easter

Due to the success of the Christmas Hamper we will be putting together one for Easter, so keep your ears and eyes open to buy tickets, and maybe you'll be lucky.

AGM

We will be holding our AGM on Wednesday 23rd March 8.00pm in the Octagon followed by drinks in The Fox.There will be quite a few committee members stepping down this year, so we are in need of some more volunteers to join the new committee. You do not need to do a great deal and the more people join the less work for everyone.

Bingo Night

This will be on April 23rd in the SPARC rooms, tickets will be on sale nearer the time. There are always plenty of good prizes to be won.

Committee Night Out

For all Committee Members we will be planning a night out for Saturday 9th April. This is open to new and recently retired committee members, so book it in your diary now.

Easter Play Days

On Wednesday 30th March and Wednesday 6th April we will be holding our Easter Playdays, this will provide a little light releif for the Easter Break. We will be holding a typical session with crafts and other activities, there may even be a little extra. Please do come and join us.

If you would like any further information please call in to one of sessions, Emma runs Wednesdays and Jo runs Fridays, they will be happy to speak to you, or call Lucy Tel: 01954 781341.

Ladies International Group

We are a small group who welcome newcomers of all nationalities: British & overseas. Our specialities are informal outings, usually with children in tow, and hopefully, helping people feel at home. Special past events have included strawberry picking, a French meal and Chinese vegetarian meal. Just drop in to our shared meals, once a month. Our next meal will be on 18th March, 7 pm, at 55 Balland Field Willingham. Jewellery party: includes handcrafted jewellery, and amber for sale. Bring and Share supper

Please ring Jo or Swee Kim if you are coming.

Jo Hall ***780304***
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If any dead animals etc. or anything interesting found, please contact Nick Richardson, mobile **07786950684**

Little Acorns Pre-School

Little Acorns is a privately owned, non-profit making, pre-school. We are situated in the meetings room (next door to the main church building). Most of the staff are qualified Nursery Nurses./teachers.

We are open every day, morning and afternoon, during school term time. (9.15-11.45 am and 12.30-3pm) There is a lunch club every day from 12 noon.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons are especially designed for children in the year before they start school and have a slightly different structure to our other sessions, including cookery, PE, woodwork and music sessions.

Children are welcome to attend from age two and a half. Parents may choose to help at sessions during our "bring your Mum or Dad to Acorns "weeks, which are very popular.

From September 2004, we re-openned mini acorns, for children from age 2- 2 1/2. This is a small session with no more than 8 children,two afternoons per week, to provide a calm , secure environment which helps children to get ready for big pre-school .Please telephone if you would like more information.

We have recently received an excellent OFSTED report (the full version is available on request (or can be accessed via the OFSTED web site.) We were awarded "an aspect of outstanding practice in special needs" and overall the judgment, which we received, was very good.

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Social Club

Our AGM will take place this year on 16th March in The Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm, all Social Club members are invited to attend. The nomination forms for the committee and officers positions are now in place in the club. I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their hard work and dedication throughout the last year, and if elected again look forward to working with the new committee in what will be a challenging year whilst the refurbishment of the Village Hall takes place. I am pleased to announce that we have sponsored 3 Social Club members Sarah Philips, Geof Walker and Andy Griffin who have been accepted to run in the London Marathon, they are all running to raise money for charity so if you see them pounding the streets preparing for the race please give them a little encouragement on their way. Good luck on reaching the finish line to all 3 of you.

Events this month include

12th March Cricket Club Quiz

16th March AGM in Village Hall 7.30pm start

17th March St Patrick's Day Guinness & Jamiesons on offer

18th March Late Valentines Disco

19th March Membership Draw and Football Club Race Night

26th March Easter Karaoke (provisional)

We still await news on the timing of the Village Hall refurbishment, plans have been made for us to move into a temporary building on the car park whilst the work is taking place. We will do all we can to continue business as normal, but being space limited we will not be able to carry all our normal range of products, this we apologise for in advance.

I look forward to seeing a good membership turnout for the AGM on the 16th.

Best regards Bob Wells Chairman

Thanks

Bar Hill Primary School held a number of events to raise money for the tsunami disaster including a sale of toys and gifts and a cake stall sale. The school raised a fantastic £1,372.00 for the disaster fund. Many thanks to the parents, children and staff for all their efforts and donations for such an important cause.

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Bar Hill Branch

On Saturday the 22nd of January six members of bar Hill R.B.L. attended the 82nd Annual conference (Cambridge County) at Cottenham Village College. The first part of the conference was formal. An excellent lunch was served and in the afternoon there was a speaker who talked on the Gallipoli Campaign. Next came the Grand Raffle followed by presentation of awards. To our surprise Bar Hill were runner up for the Gautrey Trophy which is awarded for the highest amount of money collected per head of the population in the Poppy Appeal. This was for year 2003/2004. Well done Terry Barnes, collectors and residents.

It has been decided tht Bar Hill branch will not be going on holiday this year.

Our next meeting will be on 24th March in the Village Hall meetings Room new members are always welcome.

Oxfam Walk 2005

The Oxfam Sponsored Walk is taking place on 15 May 2005 starting and finishing at Wimpole Hall. Walkers are being offered for the first time, a marathon walk (26 miles) a half marathon walk (13 miles) and a mini-marathon walk (4 miles) with routes of 22 and 9 miles also available.

Please join us on an enjoyable day of marathon walking and help make this a bumper fundraising event. This year, we aim to raise £50,000 for Oxfam's Emergencies Fund helping communities affected by natural and manmade disasters. Your sponsorship money could help people suffering from the tsunami in Asia as well as the other continuing crises around the world. Just £50 can provide safe water for 125 families for a week and £115 can buy 5 emergency shelter kits.

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Rosie in Stitches

Thank you to all the neighbours that have left knitting and wool on our doorsteps, it is most appreciated and we need even more. Jo Hall at 11 Almond Grove and Avril Williams at 111 Hillcrest will always accept whatever you donate. We are in particular need of ribbon, stuffing and white wool and crochet yarn.

Our elderly knitters have difficulty getting themselves and their knitting to our volunteers lunch, would any drivers like to chauffeur our ladies and have an enjoyable day and lunch for the privelege?

If you have an appointment at the Rosie Hospital please come and have a refreshing cup of tea or coffee while you are waiting. A drink with biscuits is under £1. If you are able to help serve tea and coffee from the Tea Bar please let us know.

We have a limited selection of our hand knitted toys and clothes (up to age 4) at the tea bar in the Rosie Outpatients, the Breast Screening Clinic and Clinic 5 every day of the week.

We have a "Rosie in Stitches" stall in Addenbrooke's Food Court from 10am to 2pm most Tuesdays and in Addenbrooke's Outpatients foyer on 10th March, 20th April and 20th May. There will be a display of our Easter toys at the Daily Bread Co-operative from 16th March.

If you are looking for a traditional Easter gift for a new baby for a friend or a relative then visit one of the above stalls or our new website at www.rosieinstitches.org.uk for a new hand-knitted garment or toy at very reasonable prices.

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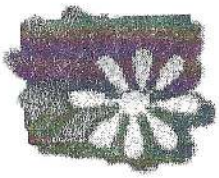

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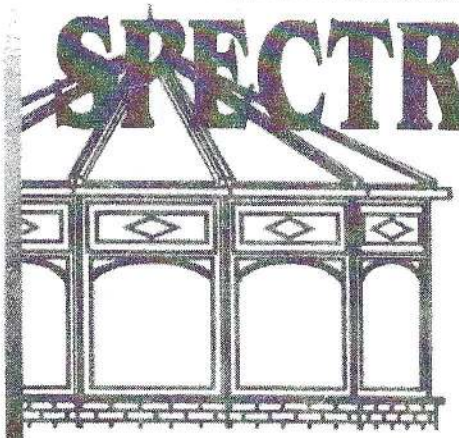

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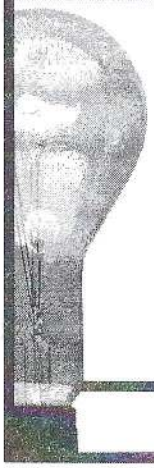

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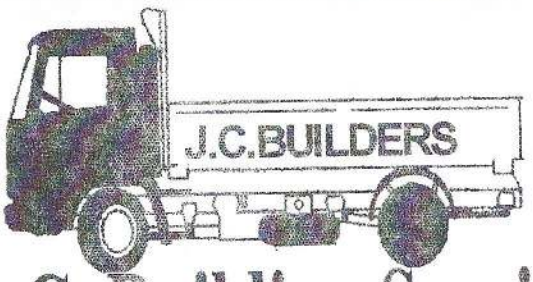

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Bar Hill Colts FC

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In general the team has been extremely successful and has held its position in the B league for the past 3 years, even though luck has not always been on our side. The team play for each other with all players being subs through the season. Our discipline record is also second to none which is reflected in comments from other teams.

Being able to play in different positions is key to the team and over the years the weaker lads have become at least as good as the stronger ones, with a couple who have joined and not actually played in a team before, coming on strongly with the support of the team.

We have always had success with sponsors and this year *Andiprint*, *Shelford Energy* and *HPF Binding* have helped us out, allowing us to pass some excellent kit down to the younger teams.

Bar Hill Colts FC - Team Managers		
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U17	Paul Douglas	710379

Race Night

Bar Hill Football Club are holding a Race Night on Saturday 19th March 2005 at the Social Club. First race 8 o'clock. Why not bring the kids along and let them help to pick your winners.
For more information ring Kathy on 201443

Bar Hill Colts FC - Committee		
Chairman	Paul Prime	203175
Vice Chairman	Kevin Hard	789632
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Comment:

The football club had an interesting presentation regarding the proposed new development outside the ring road towards Lolworth. Within the development are proposals for additional football (and cricket) pitches, which are very much needed if we wish to continue the successful growth of both the Colts and Adult football clubs. My **personal** view is one of support for the proposed development and I urge everyone with an interest in improving the facilities for our sporting teams to give it their support.

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Bar Hill FC

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The first team had an indifferent start to the New Year, but with other teams slipping up in the Senior Division, they still find themselves in a position where they can still win the title.

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Cricket Club

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Members are also being given the opportunity to buy discounted equipment and - brand new for this season - a shirt featuring the new club crest designed by Sam Clare.

Membership forms have also been sent out and should be returned as soon as possible, please. If anyone thinks they have not received one, please contact secretary Paul Stimpson on the number below.

For the juniors, we will be running under-12 and under-15 teams (not under-14 as stated in last month's Bar Hill News!) The club has adopted the England and Wales Cricket Board's Safe Hands policy on child protection and a number of club officials have taken police checks. We have also a welfare officer, Julia Daniel. So, we are committed to ensuring a safe environment for our junior members.

Finally, please support the club's fundraising quiz night at the Social Club on Saturday March 12. If anyone would like to donate a prize, again, please contact Paul.

Up-to-date news on the club can be found at www.barhillcricket.org.uk

Paul Stimpson (01954 782475)

BAR HILL FETE

Would anybody or groups who would be interested in having a stall at the fete 25 June please get in touch with Lisa Francis on 01954 201160

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If you would like to work at the village fete and earn some money Young or old please phone Lisa on 201160.

Football Project

The pitch is being used to it's full capacity in the evenings by the Colts and the 5-a-side league. The facility is still available for hire by clubs, organisations or for football birthday parties etc. If you wish to find out more about hiring the facility then contact our Bookings Secretary, Lisa Francis on 201160.

Straight after school on Tuesdays the pitch is open by Karen Curry for a free kick around for children in years 3 to 6 (two 20 minute sessions). The pitch is opened on Thursdays by Michelle Davis for children in reception to year 2.

We would like to open the pitch on a Friday or Saturday night for casual youth football. To deliver this we need volunteers to go on a rota. Please contact Paul on 781527 if you can help.

The officers of the Management Committee are:

Chairperson:	Jack Fleming
Vice-Chair:	Alan Hewings
Secretary:	Paul Thorby
Treasurer:	Jairo Marin

Paul Thorby, Tel: 781527

NWR

NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER

National Women's Register could be just what you are looking for! Join our group and find, new friends, fresh interests and take part in lively conversations. NWR is very informal with no agendas or minutes. You will receive a warm welcome.

The group meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month usually in member's homes. The cost of a meeting is only £1.00, which includes refreshments.

Thursday 10th March: History Of Emmanuel College - Talk By Janet; at Win's
Thursday 24th March: 'Mother Knows Best' - Things My Mother Told Me; at Pat's
Thursday 14th April: The Cinema - What's Your Favourite Film? - Discuss; at Sheila's

If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to telephone, Jennifer O'dell 201269 or Bobby Colver 781662

8 O'Clock Club

The 8 o'clock club is a very informal group for women of all ages who live in Bar Hill We meet in the school on the 1st Thursday of each month at 8pm. We have a varied programme consisting of speakers, demonstrations and outings.

7 April - no meeting

If you would like to join please come along to one of the meetings or telephone Barbara Page on 204171

Cam Sight meetings for people with Low Vision

At the Church, Bar Hill, 2pm until 4pm
the fourth Wednesday each month.
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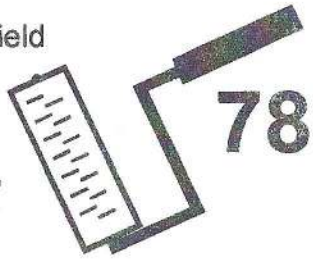

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Church Services

Sun 13th	8.00am	Holy Communion	
	10.00am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer (said)	Leader: Rev Gary Renison
Palm Sunday			
Sun 20th	10.00am	Morning Worship & Holy Communion	Preacher: Mrs Kate Aylmer
	6.30pm	Informal Worship led by Small Groups	Leader: Mr Simon Hudson
Wed 23rd		Mid-week Communion	Preacher: Mrs Kate Aylmer
Maundy Thursday			
Thu 24th	8.00pm	Holy Communion & Foot Washing	Preacher: Mrs Di Gunton
Good Friday			
Fri 25th	10.00am	Good Friday Reflections	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
Easter Day			
Sun 27th	6.00am	Dawn Service	
	10.00am	Easter Family Communion	Preacher: Rev Gary Renison
	6.30pm	*No Evening Service*	

On the Move:
Village Welcome Booklet

"FOR SALE" and "ON THE MOVE" property signs are very much in evidence in the village.
When a new family moves into your street our WELCOME TEAM would like to welcome them. Linda and Brian Howard will be happy to deliver the "Welcome Booklet" when contacted on 781945.

People to contact:

The Minister:	Rev Gary Renison (**781629**)
Church Administrator:	Mrs. Claire Thorby (Tel & Fax **206120**)
Church Secretary:	Ms Alison Burling (**789282**)

The Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs

Hills Road Cambridge (the Catholic Church serving Bar Hill)

Parish Priest:	Mgr. Tony Rogers	**01223 350787**
Deacons:	Revd Robert Joyce, Tony Northrop & Tony Sutton	
Local contact:	Bunty Waters	**201421**

Mass at Bar Hill Church Centre
Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Easter Day Mass at Bar Hill is at 12 noon.
There is no 6pm Mass on Saturday 26th March

Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sunday
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8am & 12.15 pm
Tue: 8am & 7.30 pm
Saturdays: 6pm First Mass of Sundays
also 5pm at The Ark, Cambourne
and 6pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation: 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tue. 6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Sat: 10.30 - 11.15 am, 4.30 - 5.15 pm, 7.00 - 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday - copies are available in the Church Centre.

What's On This Month (See p29 for Church Services)

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mar			
Tue 8th	3.30pm	Adrenaline	Church
Tue 8th	8.00pm	Residents' Association Meeting	New Parish Council Office
Thu 10th	8.00pm	NWR 'The history of Emmanuel College'	Tel 201269
Sat 12th	11am-noon	District & County Council Advice Surgery	New Parish Council Office
Sat 12th	Evening	Cricket Club Quiz Night	Social Club
Wed 16th	Evening	Spring Concert	Swavesey Village College
Wed 16th	7.30pm	Social Club AGM	Village Hall
Thu 17th	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	New Parish Council Office
Fri 18th	6.15pm	Disco for Pre-school to Year 2	S.P.A.R.C
Fri 18th	7.30pm	Disco for Years 3 to 6	S.P.A.R.C
Fri 18th	3.30pm	Power Pals	Church
Fri 18th	7.00pm	Ladies International Group Meal	Tel 780304 or 200527
Fri 18th	Evening	Late Valentines Disco	Social Club
Sat 19th	10am-noon	Coffee Morning (Knit & Natter)	Octagon
Sat 19th	Evening	Social Club Membership Draw	Social Club
Sat 19th	8.00pm	Football Club Race Night	Social Club
Mon 21st	1.45pm	Pre-school Easter Activity Time	Church
Tue 22nd	8.00pm	Tennis Club AGM	School
Wed 23rd	8.00pm	Parent and Toddler Group AGM	Octagon
Thu 24th	8.00pm	NWR 'Mother knows best'	Tel 201269
Sat 26th	Evening	Social Club Easter Karaoke (to be confirmed)	Social Club
Wed 30th	10.00am	Parent and Toddler Group Easter Play Day	Octagon
Apr			
Fri 1st	10.00am	Pre-school Playgroup Easter Play Day	Village Hall
Mon 4th	10.00am	Pre-school Playgroup Easter Play Day	Village Hall
Wed 6th	10.00am	Parent and Toddler Group Easter Play Day	Octagon
Fri 8th	10.00am	Pre-school Playgroup Easter Play Day	Village Hall
Mon 11th	10.00am	Pre-school Playgroup Easter Play Day	Village Hall
Tue 12th	8.00pm	Residents' Association Meeting	New Parish Council Office
Thu 14th	8.00pm	NWR "The Cinema"	Tel 201269
Thu 21st	7.30pm	Write about what you know	Swavesey Village College
Fri 22nd	7.30pm	Write about what you know	Swavesey Village College
Fri 22nd	7.00pm	Fund-raising Circle Dance for Dr Ranasinghe	Church
Sat 23rd	7.30pm	Write about what you know	Swavesey Village College
Sat 23rd	Evening	Bingo night	S.P.A.R.C
Thu 28th	Evening	Annual Parish Meeting	Watch for notice on Parish Office

March

March, for me, is when spring has undoubtedly started: birds that wintered here are in the full swing of their breeding season, with territories well established, and the migrants are well on their way: flowers are beginning to brighten our days and insects are starting to emerge.

The mammal to look out for in March is the hare. Even though it is a cliché, March is the best time to see them: they occur all over Great Britain: the hot-spots are here in East Anglia: lowland pasture and ploughed fields are a good place for them. They are known for their 'mad' behaviour, so often quoted as males doing battle, but it's actually the female fending off the male that people see as hare's 'boxing'. Hares are not as common as they used to be, modern cereal farms provide little or no food in autumn and livestock farms have few crops for them to hide in.

A walk through the woods now will give you the opportunity to hear and see, probably, two of our three species of woodpecker. The Green Woodpecker is distinguished by its 'laugh' (its called a 'yaffle', the old English for 'laugh', and the woodpecker is called a yaffler), it spends most of its time on the ground after ants. The Great Spotted Woodpecker is black and white and makes a 'chip chip' call. If you hear one drumming on a branch, get a stone and tap it rapidly on a tree trunk a couple of times. The chances are the woodpecker will come to investigate. The Lesser Spotted Woodpecker spends all its time in the treetops and is quite difficult to see. I haven't seen one for over 20 years.

Common frogs are the earliest amphibians to emerge from hibernation, followed by toads and newts (I have all three in my garden pond). The males arrive first and wait for the females to turn up, then it's a mad rush to grab one: after all, you don't want an ugly one!

Butterflies may be seduced by the spring sunshine so look out for Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock and Brimstone. A friend told me he had seen a Peacock in his garden early in February. Common butterflies may start to show now, usually from March to September.

Plants are also putting on their spring show. look out for Lesser Celandine, Primrose (I saw my first wild ones on February 16th), Daffodils and, in the woods and hedgerow bottoms, the lovely Wild Aurum (aka 'Lords and Ladies'), Wood Anemones will cover the floor in a white carpet.

So there is more than enough to see and do this month in the countryside....so get out there and see it.

Please let me know if you see anything strange, or any dead animals when you're out there.

Ta.

Nick Richardson, 07786 950684